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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
T. W. Hutchens, Ph.D., et al.

Application No.: 09/123,253

Filed: July 27, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF
ANALYTES



Docket No.: HO-P00798US9

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: L. Alexander

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2002 in the above-captioned application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims ~~54, 55, 58, 59, 62, 72-74, 77, 78, 81, 84, 85, 92, 93, 96, 97, 100, 102-104, and 114-119~~ without prejudice and acquiescence.

Please amend the claims as follows: